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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING,
HELD AT NORMAL, DECEMBER 19TH, 1866;

SPECIAL MEETING,
HELD AT NORMAL, MARCH 26TH, 1867.

WITH AN APPENDIX, CONTAINING
*AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
THE ILLINOIS NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY,*
APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 1867.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING,

DECEMBER 19TH, 1866.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., DECEMBER 19TH, 1866.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS met at the Normal University, on Wednesday, December 19th, 1866, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Present:—Messrs. W. H. Green, John H. Foster, Wm. H. Wells, B. G. Roots, Henry Wing, Calvin Goudy, T. R. Leal, and W. M. Hatch.

Absent:—Messrs. N. Bateman, S. W. Moulton, C. P. Taggart, W. L. Mayo, and Geo. P. Rex.

The President of the Board, Hon. S. W. Moulton, a Member of Congress, being necessarily absent at Washington,

On motion, Judge Green, of Cairo, was chosen President *pro tem*.

The Secretary of the Board, Hon. Newton Bateman, being also absent,

On motion, Dr. Henry Wing, of Madison county, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The President laid before the Board a communication from Hon. Newton Bateman, stating that imperative duties, as State Superintendent, would prevent his meeting with the Board at its present session; also a Report of sundry duties assigned him at the last meeting of the Board.

The report was read, accepted, and placed on file; when,

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary be requested to continue his investigations concerning the right of the Normal University to the whole of the "University and Seminary Fund".

Judge Green, who had been appointed a committee, at the last meeting, to examine into the situation of certain tracts of land belonging

to the Normal University, in Jackson county, reported progress, and asked further time; which was granted.

The report of C. W. Holder, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, was presented and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Sundry Bills—from Bailhache and Baker; Steele, Briggs & Co.; Bloomington Manufacturing Company; Holder, Milner & Co.; Walworth, Buschick & Co.; and N. C. Nason, were severally laid before the Board, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be collected and bound, in one volume in cheap form, as many perfect copies of the Proceedings of this Board, from its organization, as can be made out, and that he lay said copies before the Board at its next regular session.

The Report of President Edwards was laid before the Board, setting forth the operations of the Institution, which was read, approved, and placed on file, for publication in the State Superintendent's Report to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Roots, it was

Resolved, That President Edwards be requested to make an abstract of his able and interesting Report for publication, and that the Secretary cause five hundred copies of the same to be printed, in pamphlet form, for the use of the members of the Board and general circulation.

Resolved, That the Secretary forward a copy of said abstract to each paper published in the State, with a request that they publish or notice the same.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, it was

Ordered, By the "Board of Education of the State of Illinois", That the Auditor of the State of Illinois be required to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer for twelve thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven, and twelve-hundredths (\$12,987.12) dollars, being the full amount of the interest on the College and Seminary funds for the year 1866, the same being necessary for the use of said Board, to be paid to C. W. Holder, Treasurer of said Board—as provided by Section 8 of an act entitled "An act for the establishment and maintenance of a Normal University", approved February 18, 1857.

Dr. Goudy, on behalf of the Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the report of C. W. Holder, Treasurer of the Board of Education, reported that they had examined the same, and the vouchers accompanying, and found it correct.

The following is an abstract of the report:

STATE FUND.	
To cash balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$4,803.25
<i>Contra.</i>	
By amount disbursements, on 38 orders.....	\$4,328.16
“ cash on hand, to balance.....	475.09
	\$4,803.25

BUILDING FUND.

To amount on hand, per last report.....	\$2,268.68
“ cash received from rent of farm.....	33.33
“ “ “ “ grass sold.....	61.00
	<u>\$2,363.01</u>

Contra.

By amount disbursements, on 8 orders.....	\$2,293.95
“ cash on hand, to balance.....	69.06
	<u>\$2,363.01</u>

Mr. W. M. Hatch, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, further reported that they had examined the following bills, and recommended them to be paid.

FROM THE STATE FUND.

To N. C. Nason, for printing proceedings of June meeting.....	\$34.50
“ Bloomington Manufacturing Company.....	2.00
“ Steele, Briggs & Co., for printing catalogues, advertising, } etc., including all bills for printing, done by the late firm }	
of Steele, Carpenter & Co., to Dec. 17, 1866.....	262.00

FROM BUILDING FUND.

To Holder, Milner & Co., for articles for use of farm.....	\$12.35
“ Walworth, Buschick & Co., for grates for furnace.....	28.37

The Auditing Committee further recommend that the two following bills of Messrs. Bailhache & Baker be disallowed — the same not having been ordered by this Board, viz:

One dated Oct. 19, 1861, for printing 15,000 circulars, as the bill says, for \$68.40
One dated August 30, 1862, for printing reports, as the bill says, for..... 18.40

On motion, the several reports of the Auditing Committee were approved.

The President laid before the Board a communication from the Hon. S. W. Moulton, dated Representatives' Hall, Washington, Dec. 14, 1866, regretting his absence from the meeting of the Board, and expressing his unabated interest in the affairs and prosperity of the Institution; which was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

Mr. Roots addressed the Board respecting the ventilation and heating of the University, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That W. M. Hatch and Dr. J. A. Sewall be appointed a committee to investigate the best systems of ventilation and heating with reference to introducing it into the Normal University Building; and further, that said committee be instructed to report to the Board at its next regular meeting:

1. A full plan of the apparatus, with drawings, and full explanations.
2. Authentic evidences of its practical workings.
3. The probable cost of putting it into the University Building.
4. The value of the *present apparatus*, now in use in the University, in market.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of

the President of the Normal University, as a "contingent fund", to meet incidental expenses of the Institution for the ensuing six months; and that he report the items of expenditure (with vouchers) to the next meeting of the Board.

President Edwards stated that the great pressure on his time prevented his making a report of expenditures of "contingent fund", for the past six months; when,

On motion, the time was extended to the next meeting of the Board.

Bills for necessary traveling expenses of the members attending the present meeting of the Board were presented and ordered paid, as follows:

B. G. Roots.....	\$25.00	W. H. Green.....	\$30.00
C. Goudy.....	30.00	T. R. Leal.....	18.75
W. H. Wells.....	14.20	H. Wing.....	30.00
John H. Foster.....	18.00	W. M. Hatch.....	5.00

On motion, the Board adjourned till its next stated meeting, on Wednesday, June 26, 1867.

W. H. GREEN, President *pro tem.*

H. WING, Secretary *pro tem.*

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING,

MARCH 26TH, 1867.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., MARCH 26TH, 1867.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois was held, pursuant to the call of the Secretary of the Board, at the Normal University, on Tuesday, March 26, 1867, at 9 o'clock A.M. All the members were duly notified, as required by law.

The following members were present: Messrs. John H. Foster, Calvin Goudy, B. G. Roots, T. R. Leal, Henry Wing, W. M. Hatch, Elias C. Dupuy, and N. Bateman.

Absent: Messrs. S. W. Moulton, W. L. Mayo, C. P. Taggart, J. W. Moore, W. H. Wells, J. W. Fell, and W. H. Green.

A letter was received from Mr. Wells explaining the cause of his absence.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and, on his motion, Dr. John H. Foster, of Chicago, was appointed President *pro tem*.

The President stated that the special meeting had been called by the Secretary, under the authority conferred upon him by the 3d section of the University Act, for the purpose of considering the various provisions of "An act concerning the Board of Education, and the Illinois Natural History Society", approved Feb. 28, 1867, and of taking such action in relation thereto as the interests of the University might seem to require; and especially for the purpose of appointing a Curator for the Museum of the Illinois Natural History Society, which is kept in the Normal University Building; of taking the necessary steps to carry into effect the provisions of the act in relation to laying out and ornamenting the site of the State Normal University; and of purchasing a new boiler for warming the University Building, or modifying and improving the warming apparatus in the same — these special

objects having been indicated in the call. The President further stated that, a legal quorum of the Board being present, it was competent for them to proceed to the business in hand.

The before-mentioned act of the Legislature was read at length by the Secretary, for the information of the Board; and,

On motion of the Secretary, it was

Ordered, That the Board do now proceed to the appointment of a Curator.

Whereupon, on motion of B. G. Roots, seconded by N. Bateman, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Prof. John W. Powell, with the advice and consent of the Directors of the Natural History Society, is hereby appointed Curator of the Museum of the Natural History Society, which is kept in the Normal University Building.

The action of the Board of Education in the appointment of Prof. Powell to the Curatorship was subsequently consented to and approved by the Directors of the Natural History Society, at a meeting of said Directors called for the purpose of considering the same; in testimony whereof, the following certified transcript from the official records of said society was transmitted to the Secretary of the Board, viz:

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., MARCH 30TH, 1867.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN:—We have the honor to apprise you that the Board of Directors of the Illinois Natural History Society, at a meeting held March 26th, 1867, did, in pursuance of the authority conferred by Section 4 of an act entitled "An act concerning the Board of Education, and the Illinois Natural History Society", approved February 28th, 1867, unanimously ratify and consent to the appointment of Prof. John W. Powell, as Curator of the Museum of said society by said Board of Education.

Very respectfully yours,

E. M. PRINCE, *Chairman Board of Directors.*

CHARLES R. PARKE, *Secretary.*

Prof. Powell was informed of his appointment, and, by request, appeared and explained to the Board his views concerning the interests of the Museum, and the course that he deemed it advisable to pursue to preserve the collections already made, and to increase their number and enhance the usefulness of the Museum. Prof. Powell stated that, prior to his appointment as Curator, he had planned an expedition, to be made the present season, to the Rocky Mountains, for the purpose of explorations and collections in the interest of Natural Science, in regions not hitherto canvassed fully by naturalists, but which were known to be rich in materials and specimens, especially in the departments of Geology, Paleontology, etc.; and that he did not think that

the interests of the Museum could be better subserved at this time than by allowing him to carry out the arrangement, and devoting to that object a portion of the funds in the hands of the Board for the benefit of the Museum.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Bateman, seconded by Dr. Wing, it was

Resolved, That one-half of the thousand dollars appropriated by the legislature for the improvement and benefit of the Museum of the Illinois Natural History Society, for the current year, be placed at the disposal of Prof. John W. Powell, Curator, to be used by him, or so much thereof as may be necessary, towards defraying the expenses of an expedition to the Rocky Mountains, to be made under his direction, for the purpose of making collections for the Museum; and that the other one-half of said thousand dollars, payable the present year, be also placed at the disposal of the said Curator, to be expended by him, or so much thereof as may be necessary, under the direction of the Board, for the purchase of apparatus, books, printing, etc., for the Museum, and for otherwise improving and enhancing the value thereof.

On motion of Dr. Goudy, it was, by the Board,

Ordered, That C. W. Holder, the Treasurer of the State Board of Education, be and he is hereby authorized and required to receive and receipt for the twenty-five hundred dollars appropriated (for the current year, 1867) by the fourth section of an act entitled "An act concerning the Board of Education, and the Illinois Natural History Society", approved February 28, 1867, for the purpose of paying the salary of the Curator for the Museum of the Natural History Society; and for the necessary expenses of improving and enhancing the value of said Museum.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, it was

Ordered, That the Curator draw the money for his salary, and the other money to be expended by him for the improvement of the Museum, on the order of the President and Secretary of this Board, as all other moneys are drawn; and present a report of his doings to this Board, at each semi-annual meeting thereof, with vouchers for the expenditure of the one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as he shall have expended.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Dr. Goudy, and seconded by Mr. Bateman, were unanimously adopted by the Board:

WHEREAS, During the time that the Museum of the Natural History Society has been left without the care of a Curator, Dr. Sewall has given personal attention to the Museum, as far as consistent with his onerous duties as a teacher in the University, and said services have been able and faithful, and without compensation; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the State Board of Education are hereby tendered to Prof. Joseph A. Sewall for his attention and supervisory care of the Museum for several years past.

Mr. Bateman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be expended during the present year, under the direction of Mr. J. W. Fell, in laying out and orna-

menting the site of the State Normal University, as provided by the 5th section of the act of the legislature appropriating said amount for said purposes; all moneys expended for said objects to be drawn on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board, and report of doings, and vouchers for all expenditures made, to be furnished as usual.

On motion of Mr. Hatch, the following order was passed by the Board:

Ordered, That C. W. Holder, the Treasurer of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, is hereby authorized and instructed to receive from the State Treasurer, and to receipt for, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, appropriated by Section 3 of an act entitled "An act concerning the Board of Education and the Illinois Natural History Society", to purchase a new boiler for warming the State Normal University, or for modifying and improving the warming apparatus in the same; and said Treasurer is also hereby authorized and instructed to receive and receipt for the fifteen hundred dollars appropriated, for the current year, 1867, by the 5th section of the above-entitled act, for the purpose of laying out and ornamenting the site of the State Normal University.

Dr. Wing offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Curator of the Museum be authorized to have printed and conspicuously placed in the Museum, the following:

"The invisible things of God from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the THINGS THAT ARE MADE."—Romans 1, 20.

Dr. Wing also presented the subjoined resolution, which, after discussion, was unanimously concurred in by the Board:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the State Board of Education, concurred in by the State Superintendent, the President of the University, and the Curator of the Museum of the University, that every common school ought, at some day to have a Museum of Natural History; and that the object is worthy of consideration in the construction of school-houses.

The traveling expenses of the members attending the special meeting were paid, as follows:

B. G. Roots.....	\$28.00	John H. Foster.....	\$17.00
C. Goudy.....	25.00	T. R. Leal.....	24.00
Elias C. Dupuy.....	20.00	W. M. Hatch.....	5.00
Henry Wing.....	20.00	N. Bateman.....	7.00

The Board then, on motion, adjourned.

[Signed]

JOHN H. FOSTER, President *pro tem*.

NEWTON BATEMAN, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE ILLINOIS NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

SECTION 1. The State Normal University established by an act approved February 18th, 1857, is hereby declared a State Institution, and the property, real, personal, and mixed, in the hands, and standing in the name of the Board of Education of the State of Illinois, is the property of the State of Illinois, and is by said Board held in trust for the State.

SECTION 2. Said Board of Education is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the outlands and lots, standing in the name of said Board, lying in the counties of Jackson, Woodford, and McLean, except the site of the Normal University and the farm of one hundred acres, more or less, in its immediate vicinity, and to appropriate the proceeds thereof towards the payment of the appropriations hereinafter named.

SECTION 3. The sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) is hereby appropriated to purchase a new boiler for warming the State Normal University Building, or for modifying and improving the warming apparatus in the same, and the State Auditor is hereby directed to draw his warrant for the above named sums, amounting to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, which shall be paid by the State Treasurer to the Treasurer of the said Board of Education, on or before the first day of June, 1867.

SECTION 4. The further sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) is hereby appropriated to be paid annually as salary of the Curator for the Museum of the Illinois Natural History Society, which is kept in the Normal University Building, and the further sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) is appropriated to be paid annually for the necessary expenses of improving and enhancing the value of said Museum, and the State Auditor shall draw his warrant for the above named sums, amounting to twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), which

shall be annually paid to the Treasurer of said Board of Education, on or before the first day of June, and shall be expended under the direction of said Board, by whom, with the advice and consent of the Directors of the Natural History Society, the said Curator shall be appointed.

SECTION 5. The sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), one half of which sum shall be paid each year, for two years, is hereby appropriated for the purpose of laying out and ornamenting the site of the State Normal University, and the State Auditor is hereby required to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, in such sums and at such times as said Board of Education shall need and require for said purposes, not exceeding in all three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the State Treasurer shall pay the same to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, on presentation of the warrants.

SECTION 6. This act shall be a public act and shall take effect on and after its passage. All acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent with any of the foregoing provisions, are hereby repealed.

Approved February 28, 1867.